GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Central Road Fund
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Road Fund is put to use for construction of roads and if so, the details of funds accrued and utilised during the last three years, State and project-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes and projects sanctioned across the country including Kerala and Rajasthan for development/construction of new highways and renovation of existing ones under the Central Road Fund (CRF);

(c) whether some State Governments have expressed reservation over the quantum of funds released for the States for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the demands of the State Governments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 377 ANSWERED ON 11.08.2016 ASKED BY SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS AND SHRI RAHUL KASWAN REGARDING CENTRAL ROAD FUND

(a) to (d) The funds accrued under the Central Road Fund (CRF) during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 were Rs. 19,263 crore, Rs. 26,108 crore and Rs. 69,809 crore (provisional) respectively.

This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs).

Apart from this, the Ministry also allocates funds for development of State Roads (non Rural Roads) and Roads of Economic Importance and Inter State Connectivity (EI&ISC) as per the provisions of the CRF Act, 2000 amended by the Finance Act from time to time. Year wise details of accrual/allocation of funds to States / Union Territories (UTs) and expenditure/release of funds under these schemes during the last three years are at Annexure-I.

The State-wise details of projects approved / sanctioned for development of State Roads under CRF and EI & ISC Schemes during the last three years, including for the States of Kerala and Rajasthan, are at Annexure-II & Annexure-III respectively.

The funds for development of State roads under CRF scheme are allocated to the States/UTs on the basis of 30 percent weightage to fuel consumption and 70 percent weightage to the geographical area. The fund under CRF is non-lapsable.

The Annual allocation of funds under CRF (State Roads) scheme and under EI &ISC schemes was about Rs. 2,910 crore and about Rs. 294 crore at Budget Estimate (BE) stage in 2015-16. However, the allocations have been significantly enhanced to Rs.10,993 crore and to Rs. 1,233 crore for works under CRF (State Roads) scheme and under EI &ISC schemes at BE 2016-17 respectively on account of increase in cess on petrol and high speed diesel (HSD) oil from Rs. 2 per litre to Rs. 6 per litre.